

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Southeast Alaska State Fair Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 23-7078520****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Southeast Alaska State Fair Inc. - Harriet Hall ADA Upgrades for Commercial Passenger Vessel Visitors

State Funding Requested: \$277,000**House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

POSSIBLE CRUISE SHIP FUNDING PROJECT: REGIONAL CRUISE SHIP IMPACT FUND

The goal of this project is to improve the infrastructure of Harriet Hall to meet ADA standards and to weatherize the facility so that it can be utilized to its fullest potential, a year round community center that can host conferences, workshops, and events.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$324,592**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other Funds	\$47,868	2011				
Total	\$47,868					

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Southeast Alaska State Fair General Fund \$18,243**In-Kind**SAIL-\$625**Dawson Construction-\$14,000**Pete Dorhn Services-\$3200**Gene Kennedy Plumbing and Heating-\$1800**MRV Architects-\$10,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

POSSIBLE CRUISE SHIP FUNDING PROJECT: REGIONAL CRUISE SHIP IMPACT FUND

Each year over 32,000 cruise ship passengers visit Haines. Haines receives passengers both from cruise ship dockings and from Skagway. By far the largest amount of cruise ship passenger traffic that Haines sees are people that take small catamarans over from Skagway. This extra cruise ship passenger traffic is not accounted for under AS 43.52.230(b). Therefore they are eligible under the regional cruise ship impact fund.

Each year the SE Alaska State Fair happens at the height of the cruise ship season. The fairgrounds are a large attraction

to cruise ship passengers the whole summer and not just during the fair. The fairgrounds are home to the movie set of the Disney movie White Fang which was filmed in the Chilkat Valley in the early 1990's. Immaculately preserved, this set offers cruise ship passengers a chance to experience a real movie set as well as to get a flavor for Haines during the gold rush period.

Project Description: The Southeast Alaska State Fair a non-profit 501(c)(3) business plan, completed in March 2009 through a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation, identifies ADA upgrades and winterization of Harriet Hall as a top priority. The goal is to improve the infrastructure of Harriet Hall so the facility can be utilized to its fullest potential as a year round community center that can host conferences, workshops, and events. This project will help the Southeast Alaska State Fair (hereafter SEASF) become more sustainable through year-round use, while benefiting dozens of local businesses and community projects that are located on the Fairgrounds. This proposal consists of the following:

- Demo-Existing wall, peg board, misc lights, garbage, entrance to be reused but enlarged
- Frame-Loft wall, loft door, stairs to code
- Frame new entry- exterior walls and roof
- R-21 exterior walls, 6 mil vapor barrier exterior walls, 5/8 GWB sheetrock exterior walls, tape and paint exterior walls
- R-38 ceiling. 6 mil vapor barrier, 5/8 GWB sheetrock, tape and paint
- New main room light fixtures, MC or Romex in trusses to conceal
- Extend Fire Alarm into main room
- Dry fire protection system main room
- Men's Bathroom- 9x14x8 extend the bathroom three feet, ADA stall, 2x ADA doors and hardware, grab bars and accessories, ADA sinks and new sheet vinyl flooring or VCT, paint
- Women's Bathroom-9x14x8 extend the bathroom three feet, ADA stall 2 x ADA doors and hardware, grab bars and accessories, ADA sinks and new sheet vinyl flooring or VCT, paint
- Green Room- 25 x 15 paint, vinyl sheeting for floor/VCT
- Boiler Room- 13 x 9 Gut refinish room, replace boiler?
- Kitchen- 13 x 15 replace range, install reach in fridge, reach in freezer, on demand H2o heater, dishes and kitchen set up to cater up to 250, new paint and vinyl flooring or VCT
- Hall- 3-3x30 paint and flooring
- Directors Office- 11 x 13-14 paint, install a new window, new sheet vinyl flooring
- Admin Office- 11x15-9 paint, new sheet vinyl floor

Project Justification: Southeast Alaska State Fair Inc. offers a variety of "community building activities." Since its incorporation in 1969 the SEASF has expanded its role in the region and the community of Haines. In addition to the annual four day which attracts over 10,000 annually from all over the state and from all walks of life, SEASF works with the community of Haines to improve the quality of life by sponsoring several community events including a music festival, Spring Fling, the Great Alaskan Craft Beer and Home Brew Festival, a free community salmon BBQ and concert (which served over 400 in 2009), a fall celebration with our Annual meeting which includes a community BBQ (free to our volunteers) family music and dancing, a Holiday gathering at the Klondike and in February the Winter Olympics.

SEASF owns 44 acres which is home to the Little League Field, Raven Area, McPherson Barn, a gravel pit; material is available to local contractors for purchase. The Fair fosters small businesses in Dalton City, a movie set from "White Fang" which was relocated to the Fairgrounds and turned into 16 small business rentals. The Klondike Saloon also located in Dalton City is currently being leased as a restaurant scheduled to open in March 2010. The SEASF promotes locally grown produce by providing a Community Garden with 40 garden plots to rent, and the Strawberry Field developed in 2009 with a

grant from Alaska Grown produces many varieties of strawberries for sale at the Farmers Market also held six Saturdays during the summer months under Payson's Pavilion at the Fairgrounds. The grounds are also home to a disc golf course, a play ground complete with a Big Toy and sand box (generously donated by the Haines Borough) and an outdoor ice skating rink (during the winter).

This project is driven by the need to offer a "community based facility" which is accessible and welcoming to all and available for a variety of events. Currently no such facility exists in Haines. This proposal is directly in line with our mission statement; "SEASF is a community organization which strives to ensure active participation and support guaranteeing perpetuation and growth by planning, budgeting, promoting and operating events which enhance the economic, cultural and creative well being of Haines and the region and encouraging year round use of the Fair facilities as a place where "community happens."

Haines misses out on conference/convention/event opportunities because of the absence of a year round ADA accessible facility. Renovating Harriet Hall to meet this need is a win, win for everyone. This project will not only help SEASF continue to be a "place where community happens" and is accessible to all but it will also be an economic boost to the entire community of Haines. For example as we increase our capability to host more conferences, conventions and events more people will come to Haines, thereby shopping at local stores, eating in local restaurants and staying in local hotels, benefiting the entire business sector of Haines.

Project Timeline:

Tentative Project start date is September 2010. This project is expected to be complete by May 2011. The final expenditures will be complete within 60 days of project completion.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Southeast Alaska State Fair Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

HAINES BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 10-01-181

Adopted

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
SOUTHEAST ALASKA STATE FAIR, INC.'S HARRIET HALL ADA UPGRADES
AND WINTERIZATION PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, The Southeast Alaska State Fair, Inc. has offered a variety of activities since its incorporation in 1969 including the Southeast Alaska State Fair and the Great Alaska Craft Beer and Home Brew Festival; and

WHEREAS, Annual events such as the fair and beer festival are enjoyed by many all over southeast Alaska and are a large economic boost to the community of Haines; and

WHEREAS, adding a year round ADA accessible facility would increase the capability for Southeast Alaska State Fair, Inc. to host more events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska State Fair, Inc.'s business plan identifies ADA upgrades and winterization of Harriet Hall as a top priority; and

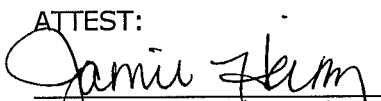
WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska State Fair, Inc. is seeking funding through the legislative appropriation process,

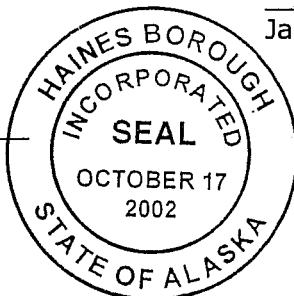
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Haines Borough Assembly supports Southeast Alaska State Fair, Inc.'s Harriet Hall ADA upgrades and winterization project, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Haines Borough Assembly encourages the Alaska State Legislature to fully fund the Harriet Hall ADA upgrades and winterization project to insure that the upgrades can begin as soon as possible

ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.

ATTEST:


Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor

Inspiring Personal Independence

SOUTHEAST ALASKA INDEPENDENT LIVING



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December 8, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

One of Southeast Alaska Independent Living's (SAIL) primary focuses is to advocate for accessible communities for senior citizens and people with disabilities living in Southeast Alaska. I am writing you today to urge you to support the Southeast Alaska State Fair's (SEASF) worthy CIP proposal for accessibility and winterization improvements of Harriet Hall.

Currently there is not an ADA accessible facility for community use in Haines except for the school which of course is not always available nor is it always an appropriate venue. The most common complaint that the SAIL office in Haines receives is regarding the lack of accessible public facilities. For example, in 2007 the Governor's Council on Disability and Special Education considered having its annual meeting/conference in Haines, but after looking closer, they determined it would not be possible due to the lack of accessible facilities. SEASF's CIP proposal directly addresses this discrepancy and if funded, will have a huge impact on the quality of life for ALL residents of the Chilkat Valley.

In addition to the need for a year-round accessible facility in Haines, this proposal will also benefit the entire region and the state during the fair itself. Harriet Hall is the main exhibit hall during the four day event which plays host to 10,000 people from all over the state. It only seems reasonable that Harriet Hall is a warm, welcoming facility accessible to everyone and we applaud SEASF's efforts to seek funding for this project.

SAIL whole heartedly supports SEASF's CIP proposal and is committed to collaborating with the SEASF for this project. In an effort to support this project SAIL can provide an in-kind ADA overview of the remodel plans to address architectural barriers, as well as disability awareness training to all staff, board and volunteers to address attitudinal barriers to ensure equal access for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Sierra Jimenez'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sierra Jimenez
Haines Program Director

An Aging and Disability Resource Center and Partner Agency of United Way of Southeast Alaska

Information and Referral • Advocacy • Peer Support • Independent Living Skills Training
De-Institutionalization • Outdoor Recreation and Community Access (ORCA)

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Haines Chamber of Commerce

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January 29, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The Haines Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is writing in support of the Southeast Alaska State Fair (SEASF) Harriet Hall ADA upgrades and winterization project. Since its incorporation in 1969, the SEASF has expanded its role in the region and the community of Haines by offering a variety of activities including events such as the Spring Fling, the Great Alaskan Craft Beer and Home Brew Festival, a free Community Salmon BBQ and Concert, as well as providing housing rentals for 16 small businesses located in the Dalton City section of the SEASF fairgrounds.

In March of 2009, SEASF completed a business plan which identifies ADA upgrades and winterization of Harriet Hall as a top priority. Improving the infrastructure of Harriet Hall will increase the capability for SEASF to host more events, conferences, and workshops throughout the year. This project, will not only help the Southeast Alaska State Fair become more sustainable through year-round use, but it will also add to the sustainability of the Haines economy and help support Haines' small businesses.

The Haines Chamber of Commerce encourages the Alaska State Legislature to fully fund the Harriet Hall ADA upgrades and winterization project.

Sincerely,

Karl Heinz, President
Haines Chamber of Commerce



Haines Tourism Department Haines, Alaska

January 8, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

As Tourism Director for the Haines Borough, I would like to express my support for the Southeast Alaska State Fair's (SEASF) CIP proposal for accessibility and winterization improvements of Harriet Hall.

Such improvements to the facility would allow for marketability of the community of Haines for larger conventions, meetings, and events. Haines was able to host the Southeast Conference despite the challenges of a larger group in a small community. Having the Harriet Hall facility with the upgrades outlined in their CIP proposal would not only make such challenges non-existent, it would allow the opportunity for future medium to larger groups to hold their events in Haines throughout the year.

As we all know, such events and meetings can have a huge, positive impact on the economy of smaller communities such as Haines. The Haines Visitor Center/Tourism Department promotes all activity events managed by Southeast Fair through our advertising and numerous marketing efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of this important CIP proposal.

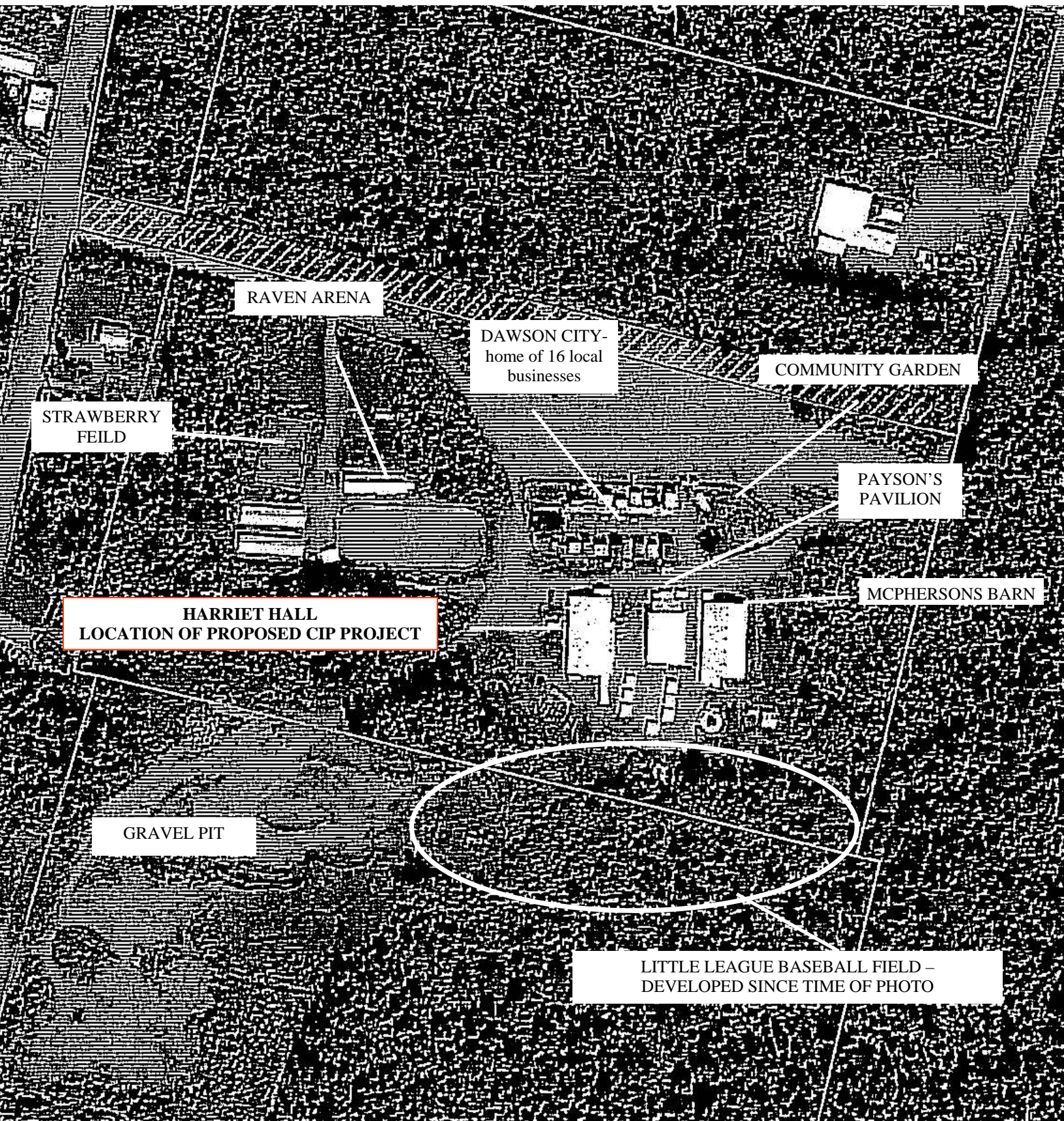
Sincerely,

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"Where Community Happens"

Southeast Alaska State Fair Grounds



RAVEN ARENA

STRAWBERRY
FEILD

DAWSON CITY-
home of 16 local
businesses

COMMUNITY GARDEN

PAYSON'S
PAVILION

MCPHERSONS BARN

HARRIET HALL
LOCATION OF PROPOSED CIP PROJECT

GRAVEL PIT

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD -
DEVELOPED SINCE TIME OF PHOTO

Community Profile: Haines, AK

Location: Haines is located on the northern shores of the Lynn Canal between the Chilkoot and Chilkat Rivers. It is 85 air miles north of Juneau and approximately 600 miles southeast of Anchorage and Fairbanks. It is connected by road to the interior of Alaska and it is connected to many Southeast communities via the Alaska Marine Highway System.

History: Tlingit Indians were the original inhabitants of the Chilkat Valley - they controlled the trade routes between the coast and the interior. The town was named after Mrs. F.E. Haines, who had raised funds for the mission that was established in the town site in 1881. Haines boomed during the Gold Rush and so did U.S.-Canada boundary dispute heated. As a result of this dispute, Fort Seward was commissioned and the army post became a major component of Haines economy until after WW II. Today Fort Seward is a National Historic Landmark and all of the buildings are privately owned as residence and local businesses.

Climate: Temperatures range from +50 to 75 degrees F in the summer and 0 to +35 degrees F in winter. Average annual precipitation is 52" and average annual snowfall is 133". **Education:** The Haines School district is operated by the Borough. There is an elementary, middle school and high school. Additionally, there is an elementary school twenty-seven miles from the city at Mosquito Lake. Haines High School students consistently score above the national average on standardized tests. A high percentage of graduates pursue some form of higher education and approximately 1% or fewer drop out of school.

Population: 2271; Caucasian 82%; American/Alaska Native 12%; Mixed Race 4%; Other 2%

Economy/Employment: In recent history the Haines economy has been based on commercial fishing, timber, government, tourism and construction. Tourism is a growing industry in the area, as many independent travelers use the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry System and the Haines Highway to and from the interior of Alaska. Many jobs in Haines are seasonal. Generally wages in Haines are lower than comparable positions in Juneau, Anchorage or Seattle and cost of living is higher. **Median household income** – Haines: \$47,005 Alaska: \$62,854 **Person's below poverty** – Haines: 11.4% Alaska: 9.8%

Local Tax Revenue

Sales Tax: 5.5%, Property Tax: 6.31 - 11.55 mills, Lodging Tax: 4%

89% population have a high school diploma and 23% have a bachelor's degree or higher. **Housing:** 70% of Haines residents own their home with the median value of owner occupied homes at \$133,100. Rentals range from \$500 - \$1,200 per month. Rentals are usually full in the summer. Haines has a low-income apartment complex, Senior Housing, and an assisted living facility for Seniors.

Medical: SEARHC operates the medical clinic with doctors and a staff of nurses. Patients may receive both primary care and emergency service. Juneau, AK; Seattle, WA; and Whitehorse, Canada offer facilities to those who require more intensive care. Haines has two full-time dentists, an acupuncturist, a home health care providers, physical therapist, pharmacy and an itinerant eye doctor. There is also a public health nurse and a state supported mental health clinic.

Cultural Facilities: Alaska Indian Arts Center, American Bald Eagle Foundation, Chilkat Center for the Arts, Haines Borough Public Library, Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center, Chilkat Center for the Arts and the Hammer Museum. Haines has eleven churches.

Annual Events: Haines is the host of several large events that attracts people from all over the state, Yukon and even the lower 48. January - **Alcan 200 International Snow Machine Road Rally**. May—**Annual Great Alaska Craft Beer and Homebrew Festival**, June— **Kluane International Bike Relay**, July— **Southeast Alaska State Fair**, November— **Alaska Bald Eagle Festival**.

Media-Radio: KHNS-FM 102.3: Television: Cable TV, Public satellite channel, Newspaper: Chilkat Valley News, Internet: APT

Recreation: Haines has an indoor swimming pool, track, two ball diamonds and a school gymnasium. Additionally there are four public parks, including the 6,045 acre Chilkat State Park. The 48,000 acre Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve is 9 miles from Haines. Numerous hiking trails and cross country ski trails of varying difficulty are available. Sport fishing, snowmobiling and dog sledding are also popular sports. In recent years the backcountry skiing and snowboarding industry has taken off.

(Sources: Haines Chamber of Commerce, 2008 US Census Borough)

Southeast Alaska State Fair				
ADA Renovation and Weatherization of Harriet Hall				
EXPENDITURES	This Request	Other Funds	In- Kind	TOTAL Budget FY 2010
A. Personnel Services				
Executive Director		\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Sub Contract Labor	\$127,000.00			\$127,000.00
SAIL Consulting Services			\$625.00	\$625.00
Dawson Consulting Services			\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
MRV Architect Services			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Pete Dornh Services			\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Gene Kennedy Plumbing			\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
TOTAL Personnel Services	\$127,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$19,625.00	\$151,625.00
B. Supplies				
Fire Protection	\$35,000.00			\$35,000.00
Heating System	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00
Construction Materials	\$15,216.00			\$15,216.00
ADA Bathroom Package		\$6,743.38		\$6,743.38
Kitchen Remodel	\$20,000.00	\$6,500.00		\$26,500.00
Dawson Construction			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL Estimated Material Expense	\$120,216.00	\$13,243.38	\$10,000.00	\$143,459.38
10% Contingency	\$29,508.00			\$29,508.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$276,724.00	\$18,243.38	\$29,625.00	\$324,592.38
PROJECT REVENUE	Project Request	Other Funds	In-Kind	TOTAL Project Budget
Capital Improvement Grant	\$276,724.00			\$276,724.00
SEASF General Fund		\$18,243.38		\$18,243.38
SAIL			\$625.00	\$625.00
Dawson Construction			\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Pete Dornh Services			\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Gene Kennedy Plumbing and Heating			\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
MRV Architects			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT REVENUE	\$276,724.00	\$18,243.38	\$29,625.00	\$324,592.38